

Sandra Day O'Connor visits Providence School

On October 9, 2013, the Judiciary was proud to sponsor a visit to a Providence school by Sandra Day O'Connor, retired associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Justice O'Connor visited Highlander Charter School in South Providence with Rhode Island Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell. Justice O'Connor is the driving force behind an educational initiative known as iCivics, which is geared toward middle school students and uses Web-based video games to make it fun to learn how government works. At far left, Highlander social studies teacher Soljane Quiles welcomes Justice O'Connor and Chief Justice Suttell. Justice O'Connor spoke at length with students and answered questions about the court system and her career before, during and after being appointed as the first woman to the Supreme Court of the United States. Rhode Island attorney Donna Lamontagne led students through an iCivics exercise during the visit, which was arranged by the Judiciary's Office of Community Outreach and Public Relations.